

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 6/22/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 12-20,22-26 and 28-36.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>09132005</u>. 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Garrett Davis on 9/13/05.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

3. In claim 17, line 2 delete "the polyurethane is SU-4715 from Firma Stahl;"
4. In claim 18, line 2 delete "to the fleece".
5. In claim 19, line 2 delete "to the fleece".
6. In claim 22, line 1 delete "21" and insert therein - - 12 - -.
7. In claim 22, line 2 delete "easily spreadable coating" and insert therein - - ferromagnetic coating - -.
8. In claim 28, line 1 delete "27" and insert therein - - 26 - -.
9. Claims 21 and 27 are cancelled.
10. Claims 12-20, 22-26, and 28-36 are allowed.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

11. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a method of producing a foam element and the foam element produced comprising providing a flexible fleece with a ferromagnetic coating directly on and embedded in a first surface of the fleece, placing the flexible fleece with ferromagnetic coating directly thereon on a wall of a foam mold such that the first surface of the fleece faces the wall of the foam mold and the fleece covers a substantial portion of the wall of the mold, producing a magnetic field cooperating with the ferromagnetic coating to hold the fleece in position on the wall of the mold, and molding a foam element in the mold such that the foam element embeds directly in a second (i.e. opposite) surface of the fleece not facing the wall of the mold to produce a foam element having a surface thereof embedded in a surface of a fleece and a ferromagnetic, barrier coating directly embedded in an opposite surface of the fleece, the fleece substantially covering the surface of the foam element.

The claims are allowed in view of applicants arguments submitted 6/22/05 it being noted support for the newly added claim limitations is found in the Figures. In particular, support for the limitation requiring the ferromagnetic coating as embedded in a surface of the fleece is found in Figure 4 wherein the fleece and carrier of ferromagnetic coating enter a laminating calender roll arrangement (21) wherein the ferromagnetic coating is pressed into (i.e. embedded in) the fleece. Further, support for the limitation requiring the fleece to cover a substantial portion of a surface of the wall of the foam mold/foam element is found in Figure 1 wherein the fleece with ferromagnetic coating (9) covers a substantial portion of a surface of the foam element (5).

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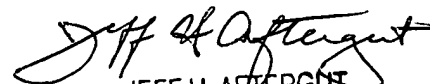
12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **John L. Goff** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-1216**. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:15 AM - 3:45 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Dunn can be reached on (571) 272-1171. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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